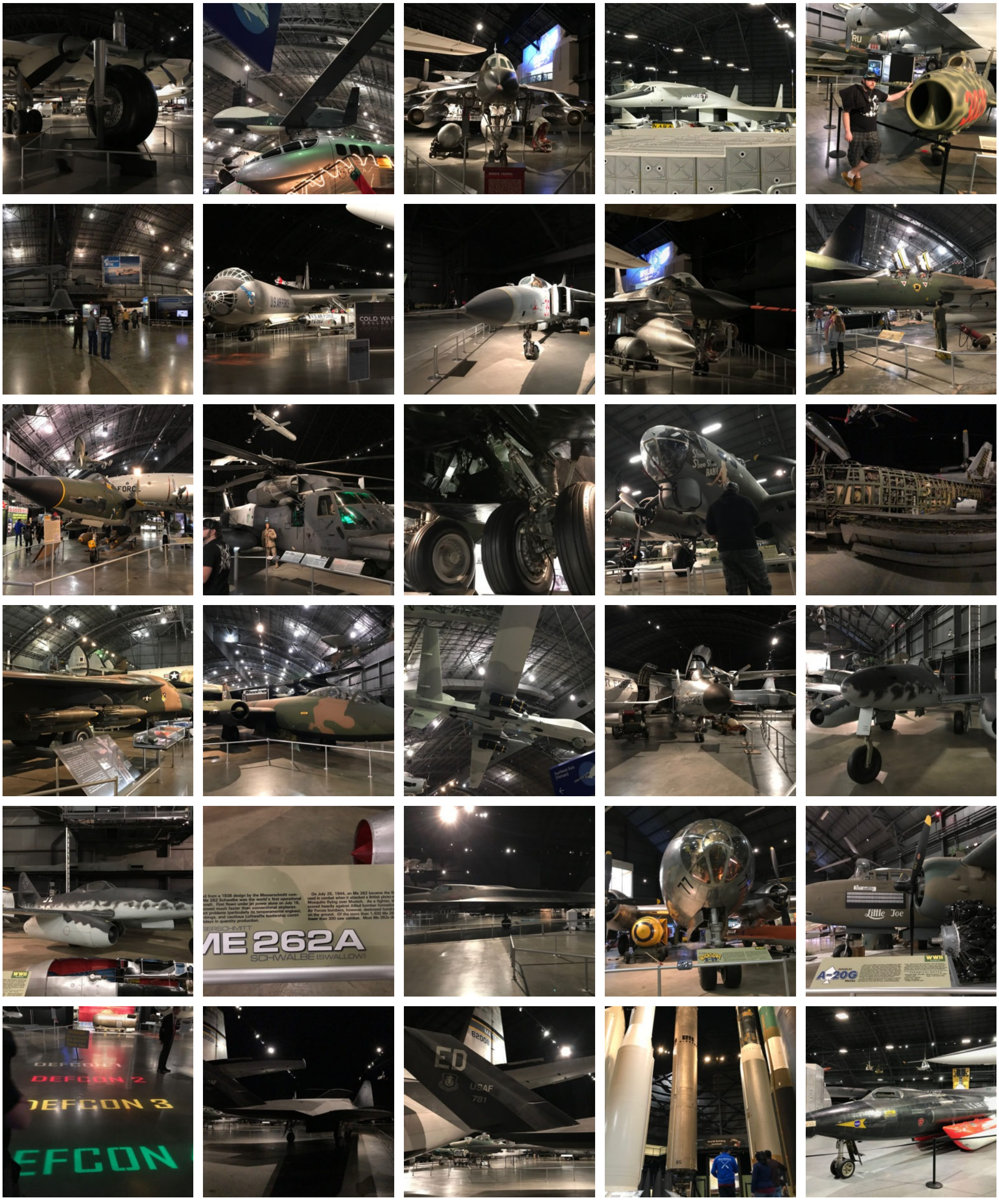
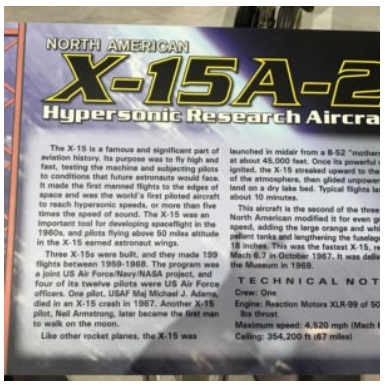
Late end of 2017 post.

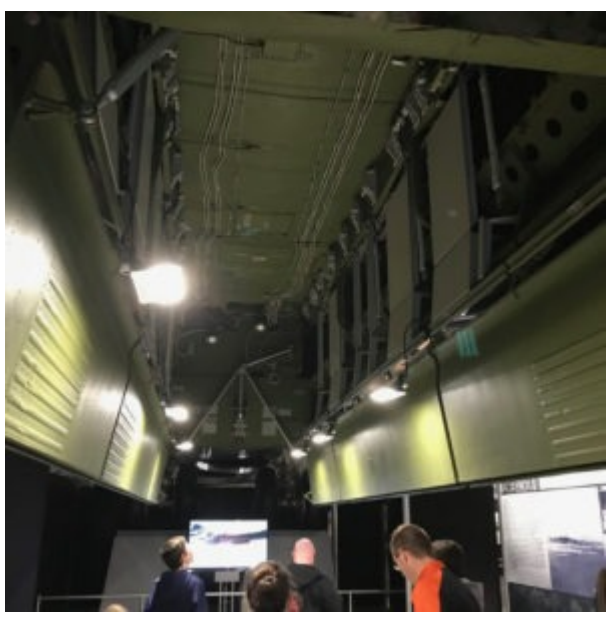
January 19, 2018 by Ratbat




NORTH AMERICAN
X-15A-2
Hypersonic Research Aircra
The X-15 is a famous and significant part of aviation history. Its purpose was to fly high and fast, testing the machine and subjecting pilots to conditions that future astronauts would face. It made the first manned flights to the edges of space and was the world's first piloted aircraft to reach hypersonic speeds, or more than five times the speed of sound. The X-15 was an important tool for developing spaceflight in the 1960s, and pilots flying above 50 miles altitude in the X-15 earned astronaut wings.
Three X-15s were built, and they made 199 flights between 1959-1968. The program was a joint US Air Force/Navy/NASA project, and four of its twelve pilots were US Air Force officers. One pilot, USAF Maj Michael J. Adams, died in an X-15 crash in 1967. Another X-15 pilot, Neil Armstrong, later became the first man to walk on the moon.
Like other rocket planes, the X-15 was
launched in midair from a B-52 "mother
at about 45,000 feet. Once its powerful
ignited, the X-15 streaked upward to the
of the atmosphere, then glided unpower
land on a dry lake bed. Typical flights la
about 10 minutes.
This aircraft is the second of the three
North American modified it for even gr
speed, adding the large orange and whi
pellant tanks and lengthening the fuselag
18 inches. This was the fastest X-15, re
Mach 6.7 in October 1967. It was deliv
the Museum in 1969.
TECHNICAL NOT
Crew: One
Engine: Reaction Motors XLR-99 of 50
lbs thrust
Maximum speed: 4,520 mph (Mach
Ceiling: 354,200 ft (67 miles)

HAPPY NEWYEAR!!

Ok, So I have been very unproductive since the new year turned around. Ive neglected e-mails, a bill or two, and more then a couple CEC's. I also neglected to talk about my trip to the the Ohio USAF museum last December. I take thousands of photos every place I go, so I just put up a few succinct highlights. First let me just say, this museum is world class and has some of the rarest aviation machines around. If you ever see yourself near Dayton Ohio, admission is free and they are open all year round except for Christmas and thanksgiving. Sneak or buy as much water as you can because the hangars have very dry humidity controls throughout the whole area. Simply being there the whole day will dry you out after a few hours. bring comfortable shoes as well (Ingo learned this the hard way), and bring a little bit of cash because their gift shop is one of the best museum gift shops Ive seen since the uss Midway museum.



nuseum touts having over 360 different aircraft on display in 4 separate mega hangars. You can find everything from the v2

missile, to the Xf-85 Goblin. The only thing not shown here was the Saab Drakken, and the Avro vulcan you can find rotting away in the sun at castle AFB. Much of these planes seem ordinary at first glance, but have amazing reasons why they got their place in that museum. For example, its fairly common to find a delta dart at an aviation museum right? This museum had the exclusive “cornfeild bomber” the f-106 who’s pilot ejected only for the plane to fly and land itself gently into a cornfield with barely a scratch. They had an Nasa x-planes gallery with the “decent crafts” used to mine data for the eventual space shuttles decent back into normal altitude.

I uploaded a couple of new movies I took of the museum, but this one is where I loose my shit over the f-117. I lament the fact that 2 days is just not enough time to see everything or go on all the tours. Both tours we were on were very entertaining, especially the spy satellite tour.

Their are no navy planes in this museum. Apparently for that you need to go to the Pensacola in Florida, the US navy museum. Never the less, I don't think their is anywhere else we can go but over seas to truly top all of this, so this will be my last vacation report for a while. Go visit this place, do it.

Anyway, this is a bit of a half post. I'll have more to post on about as soon as I complete Divinity Original sin II so stay tuned.

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26 COMMENTS

Douglas 6 years ago

Member

I got back yesterday From the museum, I saw the Memphis Belle, Was a great time. Got some great pics.

Reply

Felix321 6 years ago

Member

Wow
All those planes looks good 😲
Also i finally found yah! Its awesome to find your own page 😲

Reply

Ratbat 6 years ago

Author

Reply to Felix321

@Felix: Im going through and replying to the last 2 weeks of missed posts. forgive me X3. I am glad you made it here though.

Reply

Douglas 6 years ago

Member

@... Ratbat: well, ... a three way with a Female MAUS and a Female E-100 with a human male, possible POV from the human. Colored of course ;). If i need to i will be more specific.

Reply

Guest

Joshua 6 years ago

@Ratbat Will be willing to take a SFW commission of a female P-63 king cobra fighter. I would like her to have cobra style eyes. The setting would be a forward airfield in wooded area, with her setting pilot setting on her wings drinking from thermos. A ground crewman putting a kill marker on. The king cobra has a smile on her face.

Reply

Member

Douglas 6 years ago

@... Ratbat are you still doing artwork commissions by any chance? it'll be around April before i will request tho.

Reply

Author

Ratbat 6 years ago

Reply to Douglas

@Douglas: Not at the moment but just hit me up with your idea anyway (For the most part I have to finish the comics however.)

Reply

Guest

C-stoff 6 years ago

Keep it up!
Very nice!

Reply

Guest

Iron 6 years ago

It got over 270 upvotes on TotalBiscuit's sub-Reddit. I'm just a bit proud of it.

We got at least five hours at the Air Force Museum during that field trip. Seeing the Valkyrie and realizing just how ludicrously massive it was blew my mind. I only knew it as the spy plane from COD: Black Ops.

Reply

Guest

jean56f 6 years ago

@Ratbat I saw it one time at the airport, years and years ago, the kid I was was so happy about it 😀 I learn after that my parents were ready to take the flight 4590 to New york... but luckly they canceled a week before because of me I was very sick at this moment !
I need to see the Bourget meeting once, I have to !

Reply

Member

Douglas 6 years ago

I live but 20 MIN from there. Last time i went was August 8th of 2017. Got a ton of great pics

Reply

Author

Ratbat 6 years ago

Reply to Douglas

Douglas: you live 20 minutes away? Damn. It's free admission. I'd go every weekend untill I had committed 80% of the buildings knowlege to heart! Though I understand that it's probibly not as ever changing or exciting when you live next to it for years. I loved it a lot.. 2 days is not enough.

Reply

Guest

sora 6 years ago

Sorry if some of what i type up made no sense. I keep rushing when i type and make the sentences look awful

Reply

Author

Ratbat 6 years ago

Reply to sora

@Sora: no need to rush, I'm slow with replies XD (currently going through a backlog of responses)

Reply

Guest

sora 6 years ago

I Really hoped you enjoyed your trip this looks amazing to be at and experexperience looking at these massive sexy war beast. Personnly my favorite pic you took is the uav drone i love the unique design on how it look like that and my favoite military vehicle.plus the pics on how you drew them is another thing i like about the them with their botom camera being their eye cool and they also look kinda cute like that.

Reply

Author

Ratbat 6 years ago

Reply to sora

@Sora : I was surprised they actually had the RQ-4 as well. From that point on I had only seen a military drone during a Reno Air race 3 years back. They actually transport in a huge suitcase the size of a moderately long flat bed truck. And year the chin camera thing was not originally my idea but it's brillient and I had to run with it as well. It makes drones delightfully strange.

Reply

Guest

jean56f 6 years ago

Amazing planes 😮
You 'murica people are the best for that !
well, we 'had' the concorde :v

Reply

Author

Ratbat 6 years ago

Reply to jean56f

@Jean: though I will say, I would like to go to RIAT and MAKS airshow someday soon. I'm starting to see a lot of overlap bettween museum collections. For example, everyone has an f4, and everyone has a skytrain, everyone has a delta dart ect. Sadly I have never seen the Concorde in person yet 😉

Reply

Guest

Iron 6 years ago

Hey, I've been there! I went during my Junior J-Term class. I was a bit more excited to see the Neil Armstrong museum, personally, but it was pretty awesome seeing all of the planes, as well!

Reply

Author

Ratbat 6 years ago

Reply to Iron

@Iron: btw iron I know you sent me an email a week ago about your stripper pole space ship art. 😉 I listened to that epesode of cooptional too and I forgot you get your game news from a lot of the same places I do. (Sterling 4life)
In California, you have to drive to the bottom of the state to get good access to military museums mainly because Lockheed was building in Palmdale for years. (San Diego has the midway.. witch you should also see before you die). But it was a big deal going to the USAF one since it had x planes and other stuff. It might pay to visit the usnavy museum if I ever get my ass to Florida though.(and I have barely a reason to be there)

Reply

Guest

ZARA 6 years ago

Wow can't believe they have one of the Valkyrie prototypes there OMG! I've been to one of the military aviation museums here in Florida's Panhandle the Eglin Air Force Armament Museum. When I found out they had an SR-71 I took the 5 hour ride in my Mustang Convertible lol. No where near as big as the one you went to.

Happy new year and glad you had fun at the Museum.

Reply

Ratbat 6 years ago

Author

Reply to *ZARA*

@Zara: if you are out in Florida, you should try and visit the usnavy museum(though they aren't likely to have any experimental nasa stuff) as for the Valkyrie, I couldn't help but remember that the 2nd one crashed after a man in an (f-104?) clipped the rear stabilizer. It's for the best that they keep and preserve the last one. But coming in the 4rth hangar you get the sense of all the money the government dumped into R@D just to win the Cold War. Unlimited money and zero red tape accomplished a lot in a very short amount of time.

Reply

Member

GhettoDan 6 years ago

Russian(USSR) jets <3

Reply

Author

Ratbat 6 years ago

Reply to *GhettoDan*

@Daniil: the mig 19 they had was given to the us government by a North Korean defector who didn't know at the time that the us had put out a cash reward for anyone who could bring us a Russian jet. The Korean guy didn't even know the offer was up, and got a hefty check. I can't remember if it was 100k but I'll have to check Wikipedia

Reply

Guest

Ingo 6 years ago

Was basically like a high class strip club. Would go again.

Reply

Author

Ratbat 6 years ago

Reply to *Ingo*

@Ingo: especially now with good shoes and chapstick!

Reply

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